

BLACK AND PINK

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Injury and Insult:
Trayon Martin, racism in the system, and a revolution amongst us

Cece McDonald, August 4th 2013, excerpted from <http://supportcece.wordpress.com>



As I sit and watch Michelle Alexander and Chris Hayes have a conversation about race, as well as all of the nation in light of the George Zimmerman acquittal, it can't be any clearer that the injustice system has failed us once again. So with that it's obvious to know how I feel at this time. Not just for myself but for all the "minorities" who have been affected by this faulty judicial system that treat us as second class citizens, even less than that. To be looked down upon and to add injury to insult, laugh in our faces, throw salt on our wounds, and even piss on our graves. Rapper Lil' Wayne said it best, and I quote, "God bless Amerika, this ol' godless Amerika... sweet land of kill 'em all and let 'em die."

[edited for space]

After the Zimmerman trial, many activists and organizations rallied and demonstrated for Florida's Governor Rick Scott to call for a special session to reform or reject the "Stand Your Ground" law." As of late Phillip Agnew with the Dream Defenders have been occupying the capitol building there in Florida until FL Gov. Rick Scott calls that special session. He stands with the SYG law, and feels that it needs no reform. Now... this law that has let a man get away with murder, has caused a Florida woman to spend 20 years in prison! Marissa Alexander, a 30-year-old African American mother, was sentenced to 20 years behind bars after she was charged for firing a gun as a warning shot at her then-abusive husband who admitted to the allegations. She never shot anyone, in fact no one was even injured--well, except her at the hands of her husband, and a man who shot a teenage boy in claims of self-defense. In the case of Marissa, she was denied the right to use SYG--not killing anyone--and sentenced to two decades in prison. Can someone please explain to me how an injustice such as this not make one question the biased laws and the discrimination that still exist in the "justice system." And people wonder why the prison percentages between whites and non-whites are so disproportionate. More importantly when are people going to ACT on these injustices and fight for the equality of each person in this country, both free and in the "system."

It's hard for me having to watch the trial and seeing everything unfold. Where all of us speculating knowing that this whole situation, from the incident itself to the trial, is all based on race--racial profiling and racism spewing from it all, regardless of what anyone say or think. I know that people have been comparing my case to Zimmerman's, and yes it's obvious that laws are biased. But even I can say I came out blessed knowing that (a) the system was against me to begin with, and that (b) looking at other cases similar to mines, I didn't have to spent extensive time--even decades--in prison. People don't understand that I actually feel a guilt for that. I know that nothing beyond the incident and getting arrested was in my control, as it is for anyone who is a victim of the system. But for me it hurts--a lot. My heart aches for the Patreese Johnsons, the Marissa Alexanders, and the Chrishaun McDonalds. But no pain can bring back the Trayvon Martins, the Oscar Grants, the Matthew Shepards, the James Birds, the Gwen Araujos, and all of our brothers and sisters who were victims of hate in this world. I can say that survivor's guilt is real. That I'm still, to this day, dealing with the fear and sadness of my experience with hate and discrimination. How blessed am I to have so much love and support from my family, and I say family which extends to all my friends and supporters around the world.

My love and support is with Sybrina Fulton and Tracy Martin as they go through this journey of leaving a positive legacy for Trayvon. I couldn't help but to cry after hearing Sybrina tell an audience at the National Urban League to "wrap their minds around that there is no prom for Trayvon. There is not high school graduation for Trayvon. There is no college for Trayvon. There aren't any grandchildren from Trayvon" all because of George Zimmerman. When I went through my own incident, that was something that harbored on my mind constantly--how would my death have affected my family and friends, and how different would things have been if it were the other way around? That question was rhetorical. We know what the outcome would have been, just like we know what the outcome would've been if Zimmerman was black and Trayvon Martin was white. Or even if Zimmerman was black and it was just a black-on-black crime. Sybrina Fulton and Tracy Martin are catalyst for not just their own son's death, but for all those who have been victims of hate and violence. They are heroes in my eyes. Strong and brave, creating a voice that has been long overdue to be heard, and they deserve the acknowledgment and respect that some, not all, have given them. I love them as if they were my own mom and dad, and we should understand that their struggle is our struggle.

Aside from the attention surrounding the Zimmerman trial, issues of racism and discrimination extend beyond that. The debates about immigration reform and the Voting Rights Act have pulled back the veil of intolerance of equality and acceptance in this country. The insults aimed at the African-American and Latino communities are disrespectful, dehumanizing, ignorant, unintelligent, and very hurtful nonetheless. Indeed it's a blessing that the SCOTUS recognize the rights for gays and lesbians to get married legally in and have the same federal rights as hetero-marriages, but I don't want people to lose sight of the other issues that will affect us all in the long run. Their deliberate efforts to minimize the minority by restricting voters rights is a slap in the face of the civil rights movements of the past and present that fought so hard for the rights of minorities to vote. And the idea that sending all the immigrants back and building large fences will solve all of America's issues. But it seems that this policy only apply to black and brown people, and knowing all of this is the attempt of Republicans and right-wing conservatives to win elections that they're obviously losing. So I'm guessing that insulting and stereotyping us will bring them those votes they need? These people need to get a

serious grasp of reality, like really soon.... Not that I care for them to ever take office. Actually, I just don't care for them at all, but I do believe we all deserve respect as humans, regardless of our race, gender, or social status. [edited for space]

I feel a revolution is amongst us, and I know that there is no better time than now. I wish that I could march with the many of people who will be marching across Washington this August (8/25-26) in honor of the 50th year anniversary for the Civil Rights March on Washington with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and other prominent figures of the Civil Rights Movement of that era. I encourage everyone to join the march and the experience of unity amongst all people--races, genders, sexualities, social statuses, and cultural backgrounds. Even if you can't make it to the march still get active and get involved however that may be. [edited for space]

The quote of the month is given to us by author Ashley Smith: "Life is full of beauty. Notice it. Notice the bumblebee, the small child, and the smiling faces. Smell the rain, and feel the wind. Live your life to the fullest potential, and fight for your dreams."

Until next time my loves keep fighting, stay strong, and live out loud. Do you, cause no one can do it better!

xo, CeCe

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Statement of Purpose

Black & Pink is an open family of LGBTQ prisoners and “free world” allies who support each other. Our work toward the abolition of the prison industrial complex is rooted in the experience of currently and formerly incarcerated people. We are outraged by the specific violence of the prison industrial complex against LGBTQ people, and respond through advocacy, education, direct service, and organizing.

About this Newspaper

Since 2007, Black & Pink free world volunteers have pulled together a monthly newspaper primarily composed of material written by our family’s incarcerated members. In response to letters we receive, more prisoners receive the newspaper each issue! This month, the newspaper is being sent to: 3,300 prisoners!

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Call for Submissions to New Erotica Zine!

Seeking erotic short stories and poems by Black & Pink incarcerated and free-world family members for a new ‘zine. Please send submissions to: **Black & Pink - Gabrielle**. This is a voluntary project, and no money will be offered for submissions, but you might get the chance to share your spicy story with many others! To subscribe to receive erotica, write to us at : **Black & Pink - Erotica**.

A Message from Jason

Dear friends,

As I write this letter the United States government is preparing to shoot missiles at the people of Syria. I am filled with sadness, anger, and frustration at our collective inability to mobilize and stop our government from perpetuating constant global atrocities. The Obama administration continues to utilize the age old strong arm tactics of shoot first, investigate later. As we continue our struggle as the Black and Pink family against the violence of the prison industrial complex we must do so while making connections to the movements against militarization. You will find the statement the free world leadership circle released in support of Chelsea Manning inside this month's newspaper. As we express our support for Chelsea it is our shared responsibility to continue the work of exposing US violations of international law.

I keep finding myself thinking about the many interconnections between the prison industrial complex and the United States military. Certainly there is the reality that the Department of Defense is the largest consumer of goods from the Federal Prison Industries (UNICOR). On May 21st of this year UNICOR renewed it's contract to provide the military with clothing, helmets, kevlar vests, bedding, and other products. Prisoners who work for UNICOR are paid between \$0.23 to \$1.45 hourly. While many folks of course enjoy having the opportunity to work, and certainly deserve the right to have some time doing something to distract from the monotony of prison life, it is disgusting that the military is feeding its commercial needs with exploited labor of poor people, people of color, lgbtq people, and others who are locked in our federal prison system.

The extent of the connections is not only based on prisoner labor though. September 20th marks the twelfth anniversary of George W. Bush using the phrase “War on Terror.” This global war led to the arrest, detention, and deportation of thousands of Muslims from across the United States. It has continued with intentional Islamophobic targeting of Muslims by the FBI. The very far majority of so-called terrorist cases within the United States were set up by the FBI. According to author Trevor Aaronson, 99% of thwarted terrorist attacks were actually fabricated by the FBI in the first place. These fabrications then lead to the incarceration of young Muslim men for decades. All of this while the United States continues to detain over 150 prisoners at Guantanamo Bay despite the fact that many have never been charged with anything. There are also countless more secret prisons around the globe with many more prisoners locked up within them.

As we enter the autumn season I wonder how we can strengthen Black and Pink's voice in opposing the violence of US imperialism. How can we add our vision of a world without police, courts, and prisons to a world without soldiers, military, or long-range missiles. The essence of the prison industrial complex is the use of punishment, control, and surveillance to dominate the lives of those the government decides are undesirable. The US military functions in the same way with their bases scattered all over the world acting as a militarized global police force. When you imagine a world where we solve our social problems without bars or bombs, what does that look like? How can you imagine a healing and transformative system that does not rely on the current structures we are given? I believe we have the capacity to dream of things better and then create authentic strategies on how to get there. We continue all of our work knowing that once there were no prisons, that day will come again.

In loving solidarity,
Jason

Thank you Diller-von Furstenberg Family Foundation!

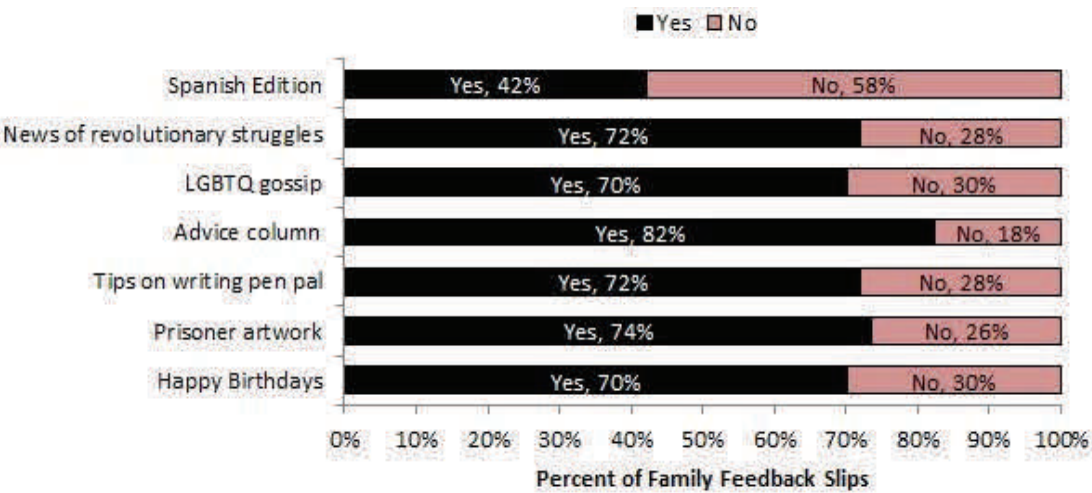
Black & Pink is **extremely grateful** to the Diller – von Furstenberg Family Foundation (DvFFF) for generously granting our organization sufficient funds to print, translate to Spanish, and distribute the Black & Pink Newspaper for a full year, from September 2013-August 2014! In the past, we have scraped by on generous monthly donations and smaller grants. This grant allows us to be secure in our ability to support the Black & Pink family with this much-needed and requested newspaper for the upcoming year!

“The Diller – von Furstenberg Family Foundation is a private family foundation which provides philanthropic support to various 501(c)3 non-profit organizations. Founded in 1999, the Foundation is guided by the shared values, concerns and passions of the Diller – von Furstenberg family. As its central goal, the Foundation aims to positively impact the world by improving people’s lives and strengthening communities. To achieve this objective, the Foundation supports organizations which either provide people opportunities for which they would not otherwise have access, or which sustainably improve a community as a whole. The primary recipients of the Foundation’s support are organizations within the following sectors: Community Building, Education, Human Rights, Arts, Health and the Environment.” -<http://dvfff.org>

If you would like to show your gratitude, please send a note or a card to **Black and Pink—Volunteer**, as listed on Page 8, and we will collect them and send them to the DvFFF!

Highlights from recent Family Feedback!

We received 57 responses to questions about the newspaper—thank you for participating! As of next month, we will have a new newspaper editor Kyem in Buffalo, NY so this information will be very useful for them. The chart below shows the percent of people who said “Yes” and “No” to additions to the newspaper—we will try! We also heard mostly positive feedback about the other sections of the paper, with comments like “I read and understand, I'm not alone”, along with reminders that “Its one thing to be strong but ya forget the glitz and glamour.” Others suggest to have shorter pieces to fit in more of them each issue. Poetry to one: “It's music to my soul and spirit”. More addresses & resources also requested. We were saddened that less



than half of the slips wanted the newspaper to also be in Spanish, and recognize that our Spanish-speaking members may not be able to answer the feedback. As we aim to act in solidarity with one another across all of our lines of difference, we feel that it is vital to be inclusive of the Spanish speaking prisoners.

Dear Black & Pink,

Thank you again for this wonderful Newspaper. This is the type of news and information I’ve been seeking! :) I am a 44 year old bisexual male serving 6 to 8 years in the N.C. Prison system, with a year and a half to go. I’ve been in the closet my whole life and coming out isn’t something I’d want to do now. The reason being that I’m located in the middle of the Bible belt and I feel it would only cause me grief to do so. I want to come out but I’ll wait until after my release. I’ll be living in a big city upon release and will be involved with the LGBTQ community there. I’ve always been especially attracted to trans-women. My future lady if out there somewhere so I will keep waiting patiently for her to appear.

I lived in a small cell for two and a half years on a twenty two - thirty four hour lockdown rotation. I’ve never been on Ad Seg or Control Status in jail or prison, but even with all that I was allowed I still have some issues I deal with myself just from being in an isolated environment. And to all of you that have been subjected to these horrible conditions, my heart goes out to you! Just hearing some of the stories about days, months, and years that you’ve been exposed to these horrible conditions makes me furious! I want to do all that I can to expose, publicize, and abolish this type of treatment across the U.S. The inhumane treatment of prisoners is a very serious issue and should always be publicized. And those who are responsible for this type of treatment should be exposed! Never should any prisoner be punished for their sexual affiliation or gender identity.

And thank you Billy for the article in the May issue. Your views, comments, and information on having safer sex was very on point! I don’t have sex in prison, but those that do should be able to protect themselves and their lovers. Condoms should be available to everyone no matter where we are! I love all of you my Brothers & Sisters and thank you so very much for allowing me to be a part of the family. Keep up the great work and please be kind to everyone. “Let none stop you or turn you away.” -Aradia, 1300’s.

Advice to Tiesha aka Antaun: Response to Jan-Feb 2013 Newspaper

Hello! First of all, who are you? Are you playing games to get sex? Are you for real about being bisexual? Be as it may, you need to be the real you. Inmates, family, and friends will respect you for who you are. They might not all agree, but you lose some and ya gain some. I myself was raped as a child, and I told my daughter & family about being gay. Mostly they knew about me being gay, but it was something not spoken about. If you admit to your psychologist, ask yourself ‘what do I hope to gain from this?’ A pity party? Do I want help? Most of these prison employees are put here for the money, so when you speak on being disowned by inmate family and friends, you should also consider that there is a possibility that your psychologist might disown you too because some people don’t want to work with LGBTQ people like us. I cannot tell you what to do, but remember also that the people you will be going home to might deserve to know who you are and how you’ve changed. Thank you for coming out to us. We love and care for you and wish you well. But like you said, you was almost charged with statutory rape because you was caught with a boy that was 2 or 3 years younger, and if your family did not turn their back on you then—well sweetheart figure it out because they love you no matter who you are.

R Texas

Dear Black & Pink Family,

My name is David, I go by Dana. I am a gay white male in prison a second time in Kansas, I’ve done 7 years at a different prison. While I was there I had different guys that I was with and whom I thought I was in love with, but I was wrong.

I’ve only been here 1 year, and when I got here I found a guy who I thought loved me, but I was wrong, he was lying and cheating on me. So even though it hurt, I dumped him. He begged me to take him back and given him another chance. I did, and he cheated again. He got transferred. I decided to give up on all men, ‘cause they hurt you.

Well, I am currently with a guy, he’s 14 years younger than I am, who is my soul mate and my husband. We spend all our yard time together and he says those 3 little words I love to hear, and he can’t say them enough.

I have never been happier than I am now. I know we were made for each other, we really care for each other.

So guys & gals, I just want to say that it is possible to find happiness in prison.

-Dana, Kansas

Black & Pink,

Hey everyone, I’m back again with something that I hope will uplift and help those in need. Being a part of our community, our family, we endure plenty of negative things from the outside world as well as from within our own ranks. These things which are risen out of ignorance produces hate, discrimination, violence, fear, harassment, hypocrisy, stigma, and harsh treatment. This list could go on, yet I want to share a way that has helped me overcome a portion of this.

As I mentioned, being in this lifestyle, one has to endure a lot and no matter who tells you otherwise, being gay is not a disease. It is a way of life, and not just a vocation or choice. So in my efforts to try and change this infamous stigma against us, I created my own meaning, a king of positive stigma, rather than one based on negativity. I thought about all of what we go through, and although many of our stories are different, I found some common themes of strength and positivity:

-Our tough skin allows us to be strong and bounce back from any situation, even if we had to take a moment to cry.

-Our drive allows us to transcend. To rise above and surpass any and every obstacle.

-Our wits are not to be misjudged. Our intelligence allows us to be quick on our feet, creative, and capable of completing difficult tasks.

-With all of this going on, you would think we wouldn’t be able to, but somehow we can be graceful throughout it all.

-And with everything you do, you are mensch*. Whether someone told you or not, you are admirable. (*Mensch is a Yiddish word for a person of integrity and honor)

-Finally, maybe the best to end with, but we are authentic. From our core to the far reaches of our outward radiance. No one can ever deny our authenticity.

So the next time someone tries to stigmatize you with negativity, know that it is only how “they” view their words. You do not have to limit yourself to the meanings that other people have for you. You can chose to be unlimited in changing negativity to your own positive meaning. This will help prevent holding yourself back, and help you go after what you want to accomplish.

Until Next Time,

Ms. Puddin, Pennsylvania

Dear Black & Pink Family,

Hey, it’s me again, Chris aka Breland. I am writing to say that I think it is awesome that we have Pagans coming out and joining the Family. As I’ve said in the May Newspaper, this state- Minnesota- is f***ed up. Like I said before, I did 8 ½ years on a 39 month sentence and now they are trying to civil commit me because they think I am a danger to myself and the community. If this happens, then I will be locked up for life in a hospital! I won’t find out anything until the end of July.

I hope that everyone is having a good summer. Even though I’m going through what I am, I do have good days, spending some time with the Wiccan family here and just kicking back and reading. Well, my family, I’m going to close this out.

-Chris aka Breland, Minnesota

My Dearest Black & Pink Family,

Hello! My name is Epic, but some people know me by Fifty. I have been part of the family for a while. Let me start by saying that I love each and every one of ya’ll. This is my first letter to the family as a whole. I used to ask my friend to let me read his newsletter as I waited patiently for my first one to arrive. Now I get the Newspaper format which I absolutely love. I am touched by all of the family letters and poems. I hope anyone who was denied the Newspaper in prison will receive it again. It never surprises me at the lengths the prison administrators will go to continue our oppression. I have been part of the fight against the PIC [prison-industrial complex] since the beginning of my incarceration.

Brothers and Sisters, I was transferred recently to a new unit so I can pursue my Bachelors Degree with Texas A&M. I saw things when I arrived that sadden me. Please respect yourself and keep your head held high. We are not in prison to help anyone else with their sexual release. I was actually accused of not being gay because I choose not to have sex with some men, the ones who believe I’m here for their needs and desires. Those men will use and abuse us. Please do not allow them to. I care about all of ya’ll and wish for all of ya’ll to remain safe.

Now another important matter... If you are eligible for college I encourage you to do it. I earned an Associate of Arts Degree and am now working on my Bachelors Degree. TDCJ offers a reimbursement option to pay for one class per semester. I have a wonderful Aunt who financially supports my additional classes. Hopefully I will have my degree by 2016 when I leave. College degrees are extremely beneficial to us. Our degrees can never be taken away from us. I thank my Grandmother daily for giving me the courage to want to take classes. She passed away 7-5-2010 but that hasn’t stopped me from working hard in all my classes.

I wish that everyone will please take care of themselves. I love all of ya’ll dearly. Remain safe and positive.

Love Always,

Marten, aka Epic/Fifty, Texas

Dear Black and Pink Fam,

I want to thank all of you for pushing and standing ground. Justice does come, change does happen, but it starts with oneself, and most likely with a dragged-out yet worthwhile fight. It's worth it to me, without it I have no "me." I will always fight for my right to be me. No matter the adversity, no matter the odds. [...] I'd like to say a little about myself. I am a transgender man (FTM) born in Cuba, a recovering heroin user and alcoholic, and a deported repeated offender. I am, like so many of us, what I call a "superminority" LOL. [...] This prison I'm leaving behind, I've fought my whole stay. I fought for my HRT [hormone replacement therapy], I fought for my gender appropriate grooming, I fought the staff's harassment and indifference, and I fought the inmates' ignorance. There is no set protocol at all in the state of Florida for T.G [transgender]., or gender variant inmates, and when you land in here, it's "shut up," or fight your whole time. I made my choice, and I'm proud to say I pushed through and got recognized, but the battle is not the war. Although I won my right for equal treatment, there is still work to be done in policy and operational procedures. Here is the info. for the organization in Florida that helps to deal with HRT and T.G. related issues in Florida prisons:

Cassandra Capobianco, Florida Institutional Legal Services, 14260 W. Newberry Rd #412, Newberry, FL 32669. 1-888-375-2494 ext 1005.

We are strong, I believe if we take a stand for what is right, we will get far, we will soar above this hater nation. Keep your head up.

With love and respect,

Yenial, formerly incarcerated in Florida

Editor's Note: Please see Yeniel's piece in the August newspaper. We contacted Cassandra and they are willing to assist!

Black and Pink Supports Chelsea Manning



We, the free world leadership of Black and Pink, express our full support for Chelsea Manning. We have joined the global justice community in supporting Chelsea since she was originally charged with releasing information about the horrendous abuses of the United States military in Iraq. While some claim that the information she released was done maliciously, we celebrate her exposure of U.S. war crimes.

In a statement August 22nd, Chelsea Manning made it very clear that she is a woman and requested to be addressed as such. She informed us all, "I am Chelsea Manning. I am a female. Given the way that I feel, and have felt since childhood, I want to begin hormone therapy as soon as possible. I hope that you will support me in this transition. I also request that, starting today, you refer to me by my new name and use the feminine pronoun." Black and Pink expresses our full support of Chelsea Manning.

Chelsea Manning will do her time in a military prison. The majority of her time will be spent at Ft. Leavenworth, the United States Disciplinary Barracks. Leavenworth, a maximum security men's prison, is under the U.S. Army Corrections System, and it reports to the six-year-old U.S. Army Corrections Command. The U.S. military does not currently provide hormone replacement therapy for transgender prisoners under their control. Efforts to provide Chelsea Manning support will need to learn from the successes of transgender veterans who have secured treatment through Veterans Affairs as well as from those of us who have successfully advocated for gender affirming medical treatment in county, state, and federal jails/prisons. We know, as the Black and Pink family, that transgender prisoners experience high levels of sexual and physical assault, harassment, medical neglect, self-harm, and placement in solitary confinement or administrative segregation. Many are prevented from or punished for expressing their gender. Chelsea Manning has already gone through hellish treatment and torture by the U.S. military. We call on all advocates to continue paying attention to her needs and join Manning as she decides how best to campaign for herself.

Chelsea Manning is one of thousands of transgender prisoners incarcerated in the United States. Deidre, a Black and Pink member incarcerated in Nevada, wrote in our April newspaper, "It takes a very uncommon courage to survive as transgenders, does it not? And if you, right now, don't see it that way? Pray, meditate, manifest... whatever you do, to see it that way. The bravery it takes to change and evolve ourselves – medically, surgically, psychologically, and spiritually – that's our love for ourselves, that's our strength. Use all of that to stand tall in the face of it all, and fight!" As we fight for Chelsea Manning's health care, let us not forget the fight for her freedom. As we fight for the freedom for Chelsea Manning, let us not forget the fight to free all prisoners. The United States prison industrial complex functions as a tool of domination and control that steals the lives of poor people, people of color, LGBTQ people, immigrants, people with disabilities, and those who resist the violence of the government. The fight for Chelsea Manning is part of the fight for abolition, the fight for a day where we live free from police, militaries, judges, and the cages that steal millions from our communities.

Outcomes from The Summit: A Gathering of Formerly Incarcerated, Convicted, Policed, and Court-Involved LGBTQ People in New England



On April 27, 2013 the Hispanic Black Gay Coalition in partnership with Black and Pink hosted a gathering of 34 formerly incarcerated, court-involved, convicted, and/or policed LGBTQ people in Boston. The purpose of the Summit was to build community, challenge stigma, and build a strategy for addressing the harm the prison industrial complex has on our communities. According to the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs, in 2008 police were ranked 3rd in perpetrators of violence against LGBT people. LGBTQ people experience disproportionate harm at every level of the criminal (in)justice system: policing, surveillance, court system, sentencing, death penalty, and incarceration. The school-to-prison pipeline is structured to push LGBTQ young people out of school and into the underground economy leading to higher rates of detention. Most recent statistics show that one in five HIV positive people will experience incarceration at some point in their lives.

Participants in The Summit came up with a list of demands to policy makers, LGBT organizations, and prison justice organizations. Below and on the next page, you'll find these demands, along with a list of dreams! On the last page, you'll find poetic notes and a call for creative responses.

Demands to Policy Makers:

- Moratorium on all prison/jail expansion or building
- End the War on Drugs
- Respect our stories
- Fund programs created by formerly incarcerated/court-involved/policed LGBTQ people that will serve the needs of our communities
- End racial profiling
- End profiling of transgender women
- Allow physical contact between prisoners and visitors
- Accessible and safe housing available to all who desire it
- Health care for all people
- End Secure Communities ICE initiative
- Compassion
- Presumptive Parole

- An end to all incarceration for drug possession
- An end to quality of life laws
- Full funding for HIV programs
- End to all policing in our communities
- Safer space for public gathering
- Decriminalization of public sex
- decriminalization of sex work
- Trust
- To be acknowledged
- End to police brutality
- Consequences for sexual, verbal, physical harassment by cops
- freedom from judgment
- better schools
- Reproductive rights
- Judges to be held accountable
- Consequences for wrongful convictions
- Smaller caseloads for public defenders
- Restorative Justice Opportunities
- More community resources: such as parks, basket ball, outdoor things
- After School programs
- Increase of minimum wage
- higher taxes for the wealthy
- More recreation time in prison
- Better food in prison
- respect for gender pronouns and identity in prison
- voting rights
- Elimination of policies in school that lead to imprisonment
- an end to arresting and handcuffing youth
- union rights for sex workers
- better sex education outside of school settings
- Queer/trans inclusive health care in jails/prisons
- windows that can open in jails/

- prisons (we need our fresh air)
- support groups for LGBTQ folks inside
- Eliminate CORI
- Increased public transit in poor communities/communities of color
- No drug testing tied to welfare
- Decriminalization of drugs

Demands to LGBT Organizations:

- Sex and Drug positivity
- Anti-racist
- Anti-classist
- anti-oppressive
- Challenge homonormativity
- Fund programming for LGBTQ individuals targeted by police, courts, and prisons
- Join campaigns to end solitary confinement in Massachusetts prisons

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Dear Black & Pink Family,

My name is Antonio, but everyone knows me as Prince. Here inside Arizona’s DOC there is no justice for homosexuals unless you are on a Level 2 yard where there are no politics. I am not on a 2 yard, I am on a Level 5 yard where the politics run high & wild. I am open about my sexuality and everyone, well almost everyone, knows who I am.

I don’t know really how to explain my situation because so much has happened to me in the past two years. Please bear with me: It all started when I was given an ultimatum- I was to either leave with the other homosexuals that were told to leave the yard or I was to act “straight.” So I thought about it and decided to do what was best for me. What made my time easier. I said I want to stay but I want to be esquina (backup or put-in-work).

After my institution score got bumped up for fighting, I ended up on a Level 5 yard, max custody. I started to realize that what I am doing is not going to help me when I get out so after being put on shine (no one can talk to you), I decided to apply for protective custody under the facts that I’ve been extorted, verbally abused, and my life has been threatened. I’ve been denied 4 times, all for not being assaulted, and been moved to another prison yard where I get the same treatment.

These past two years have been rough. I am still trying to get approved for protective custody. I am re-classed to a lower yard, Level 4. I want to go because being in a cell is annoying. Not being able to stretch your legs, and it’s the same stuff over and over. I am looking for a pro-bono lawyer to help file a civil lawsuit, but the organizations I contacted told me they don’t have enough time or they work only on group cases. The struggle continues.

May we all be safe and our futures be bright.

Love & Respects,
Prince, Arizona

Dear Black & Pink,

I would like to say Hi to all my Brothers and Sisters. This is Juicy getting at you from Pennsylvania. I been down over 4 years, I haven’t seen my family in almost 5 years, and God willing I’ll be home for Christmas. As it is summer time, with less than 6 months until the New Year, I would like to say keep your head up and stay strong. Don’t let people and their disrespect bring you down, you can make it and still be who you are. These low life individuals I’m talking about- The DOC and the Government- they would make you sell your soul, turning your back on the ones that will help you. Lawyers and Doctors can’t be trusted, Judges and DA’s can’t be trusted. Only difference is, a lawyer would rob you, selling you short, making you believe their going to help you, and a doctor would rob you then kill you. A judge can be bought if you got money and a mouth piece, they’re corrupt just like the DA and politicians. The only way you’re going to get justice is fighting for yourself, not backing down. They will offer you deals, and it’s scary sometimes not knowing we won’t get that much if we fight. They come with lesser, don’t bite the first deal. If you’re guilty, make it look like you want to go to trial and most likely the DA’s evidence ain’t strong. They’ll cut a way better deal. We got to stand up for our rights. File your complaints. If they refuse to answer, appeal. Exhaust all your state procedures, ‘cause the court will dismiss your complaint. There’s always tricks. One is under Ramos v. Lamm, 639 F.2d 559, 572 (10th Cir. 1980) - You do not have to wait until you are assaulted to seek relief once you’re threatened for filing a complaint or retaliated against with a misconduct for filing a complaint. Appeal your misconduct to all the levels. All you got to prove is the misconduct came from filing your complaint. Don’t allow the DOC to get the best of you.

Love your sister,
Juicy

GENEVA (23 August 2013) – The United Nations Special Rapporteur on torture, Juan E. Méndez, today urged the United States Government to abolish the use of prolonged or indefinite solitary confinement. There are approximately 80,000 prisoners in the United States of America who are subjected to solitary confinement, nearly 12,000 are in isolation in the state of California.

“Even if solitary confinement is applied for short periods of time, it often causes mental and physical suffering or humiliation, amounting to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, and if the resulting pain or sufferings are severe, solitary confinement even amounts to torture,” Mr. Méndez stressed as nearly 200 inmates in Californian detention centres approach their fifth consecutive week on hunger strike against cruel, inhuman and degrading prison conditions.

“I urge the US Government to adopt concrete measures to eliminate the use of prolonged or indefinite solitary confinement under all circumstances,” he said, “including an absolute ban of solitary confinement of any duration for juveniles, persons with psychosocial disabilities or other disabilities or health conditions, pregnant women, women with infants and breastfeeding mothers as well as those serving a life sentence and prisoners on death row.”

The independent investigator on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment urged the US authorities to ensure that “solitary confinement is only imposed, if at all, in very exceptional circumstances, as a last resort, for as short a time as possible and with established safeguards in place.” In Mr. Méndez’s view, “its application must be subject to independent review, and inmates must undergo strict medical supervision.”

Since 8 July 2013, thousands of prisoners detained in nine separate prisons across the state of California have gone on hunger strike to peacefully protest the cruel, inhuman and degrading prison conditions. The inmates are demanding a change in the state’s excessive use of solitary confinement as a disciplinary measure, and the subjugation of prisoners to solitary confinement for prolonged periods of time by prison authorities under the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

In California’s maximum security prison in Pelican Bay more than 400 prisoners have been held in solitary confinement for over a decade, and the average time a prisoner spends in solitary confinement is 7.5 years. “I am extremely worried about those numbers and in particular about the approximately 4,000 prisoners in California who are held in Security Housing Units for indefinite periods or periods of many years, often decades,” Mr. Méndez said.

In the context of reported reprisals against inmates on hunger strike and a District Judge’s approval of Californian authorities’ request to engage to force-feed prisoners under certain circumstances, the UN Special Rapporteur also reminded the authorities that “it is not acceptable to use threats of forced feeding or other types of physical or psychological coercion against individuals who have opted for the extreme recourse of a hunger strike.”

Mr. Méndez addressed the issue of solitary confinement in the US, including prison regimes in California, in his 2011 report* to the UN General Assembly and in numerous communications to the Government. He has also repeatedly requested an invitation to carry out a visit to the country, including State prisons in California, but so far has not received a positive answer.[...]

“It is about time to provide the opportunity for an in situ assessment of the conditions in US prisons and detention facilities,” the UN Special Rapporteur underscored.

Excerpted from: <http://prisonerhungerstrikesolidarity.wordpress>

Outcomes from The Summit: A Gathering of Formerly Incarcerated, Convicted, Policed, and Court-Involved LGBTQ People in New England

- Continued from Page 4*
- Create classes and curriculum to be used to create programs for prisoners incarcerated in county and state jails/prisons
 - Intentionally hire formerly incarcerated and convicted people to positions within organizations
 - Join efforts to end stigma of incarceration and policing
 - Support efforts to decriminalize sex work
 - Join efforts to place a moratorium on all prison/jail expansion
 - Strengthen campaigns to end the War on Drugs by bringing in LGBTQ experiences
 - Support Chelsea Manning
 - Include more voices, staff positions, board members, and decision making power by formerly incarcerated people
 - focus on homeless queer youth

- over gay marriage
 - send books to prisoners
 - Advocate for condoms in jails/prisons
 - join in pen pal projects with prisoners
- Demands to Prison Justice Organizations:**
- Include the needs of LGBTQ people in the campaigns you are organizing around
 - Support access to condoms by prisoners in county and state prisons
 - Support access to gender affirming health care for transgender prisoners
 - Educate yourselves on the unique needs of LGBTQ people targeted by police, courts, and prisons
 - Support access to clean needles/needle exchange inside jails and prisons

- Increase voices of LGBTQ people
 - Explicitly focus on the segregation of LGBTQ prisoners in campaign to end solitary confinement
 - LGBTQ inclusive jobs fairs for formerly incarcerated people
- We Dream of:**
- A world free from ignorance
 - A world with no prisons
 - Transformative Justice
 - Playing
 - A world without Disney
 - an end to criminalization
 - affirming, desired, consensual sex
 - No cages
 - No borders
 - World run on honesty
 - Freedom
 - Homes for all
 - Life
 - no cops
 - no court system
 - no more deportations

- living in a place where you can wear what you want and not be harassed
- not have to work to survive
- sex-positive
- sex education
- basic needs guaranteed without a struggle
- no more projects
- no war
- no draft
- end of homophobia
- end pressure to label sexuality
- gender liberation
- free from violence
- free from oppression
- an end to HIV/AIDS
- Free food
- free funeral services
- structures for communities to hold people accountable who commit violence

Storm Light

Overcast and stormy Is my life’s story.
Please release me. In all this pain.
Shackled and chained, I know you came
To set me free, to help me be
What we want to see. As I’m not me,
Trapped in torment, myself I hide.
I lie dormant. My heart has a wall.
Inform it, storm it, fight it, light it,
Ignite it! Shine your light, inspire it
I have tried it, all battles lost. Iced
over, frost, so cold is my soul, and lost,
Mortified within, Fortified in sin.
Storm your light! Begin...
This work upon my soul. Build it.
Make me whole. I give you all
control, God, control my soul.

-Kate, Dayton, OH

I’ll Always Wait

Written with a pen
Sealed with a kiss.
If you love me, then answer me this.
Tell me now and tell me true
So I can tell you I love you too.
If I die before you do
I will go to Heaven and wait for you.
If you’re not there on judgment day
I’ll know you went the other way.
Just to prove my love is true
I’ll given the angels back their wings.
I’ll risk the loss of everything.
I’ll spend my eternity in Hell
To be with you.

-Marten, Texas

This Love?

This relationship is killing me
I say to myself from time to time.
I want to scream, cry, pull out my hair...
Anything really, for something to fall in line.

Nothing is scared even our private
Moments are out there for all to see.
I get embarrassed, I cry...
Why can’t you see what you do to me?

I try to love you & give you my all,
But it’s as if it all goes to pot.
It feels like all you do is look at me,
And say “Is that all you’ve got?”

But then I see a glimmer of the man
In which I truly fell in love.
The moment can pass oh so quickly
sometimes,
It makes me wonder “Can this be love?”

Maybe you’re just too young and
Have so much yet to learn.
But how many more times do
I have to crumble, pine, or yearn?

Please see what you’re doing to me,
For I’m not sure how much more I can
bend.
My heart is so broken & bruised,
I’m not sure how much is left to mend.

-Shane, Illinois

Hello Brothers and Sisters,
First, I have to tell you how humbled I am to see my Health Advice printed in the May Newspaper. By getting these chances to write and share, it gets me out of my self and most times out of my chronic loneliness.
After spending 11 years in Ad Seg or Solitary Confinement here in Texas, Black & Pink has become my family, friends, and even angels. I’m not the only openly gay on this unit, but since I speak out, I’m never placed on the same wing with any of my own community. It hurts bad sometimes, but I keep going and don’t let them win.
After Seg and the box they had me in almost broke me. What happened in that cell tore me down. I scream at night. In my dreams, I’m back in that cell. It seems some days it’s all I know and I can’t get it out of my head. When I read stories of struggle, like Trans Folks Down for the Fight in the May Newspaper, I wept for two days back in my cell. I don’t understand, because it’s my own mind hurting me. I feel their pain, and so I wish to be a ray of hope for my Brother’s and Sisters at Black & Pink.
That’s why, when they announced June 1st they were holding a talent show, and that poets were welcome, I wrote this poem, and shaking in my boots, read it before most of this unit. That in and of itself was a great feat.

Pride 2013

Equality can be the biggest battle anyone can fight for
One thing’s for sure, you can’t do it from behind a closed door

Waiting for others to take on your fight
By staying silent, how will they ever know your plight

Come! Join with me you beautiful crowd
Why not now, it’s time to be Proud

Each and every one of you has something to share
Please extend your hand, and show that you care

Be that as it may, be that as it might
Finally we’re seeing rewards of our righteous fight

Even when faced with such disgrace
Hold your heads high, and those who hate will be losing face

So as we come to the end of this race
Please dear Sisters & Brothers, keep up your pace

Just know this, I love the ones who came before
You gave me the courage to kick down my door!

Peace,
Billy, Texas

Gay Black Male

In my mother’s womb- was I male first?
Was I gay first? Or was I Black first?
Who cares!!
The bottom line is this- I am who I am.
My gayness is not contagious-
Nor does it prevent me from putting a foot knee deep in your ass if you decide to so-called gay bash.
The fact that I may want to lip lock with someone transgendered or frequent an adult bookstore and its glory holes,
Has no bearing on whether or not I am capable of physically defending myself.
Some call being both gay and Black a double whammy.
Well.... to that I say- Whoever thinks so can go straight to purgatory on a fully fueled rocket ship with Elton John’s “Rocket Man” blasting over the speakers.
The fact of the matter is that I am far more dynamic than what makes me swell or my hole throb, sweat, and pucker.
I am informed, educated, purpose driven, ambitious, creative,
And I happen to be fluent in self-taught Dutch, Spanish, and Swahili.
My credentials as a human being fully deserving of the same respect, dignity, and equal treatment as anyone else, were established by my Maker
Those God given unalienable rights are not exclusive to heterosexuals.
By the way- why can’t I marry who I love?
Ted Bundy was a serial killer- legally able to marry on death row.
What makes his rights more worthy than mine?
Finally, let me say to the late greats Bayard Rustin and James Baldwin-
Gay Black men who were iconic trailblazers-
It is my hope and prayer to continue to make you both proud.
-Mr. Patrice, Illinois



The Heart of a True Friend

If people like me didn’t know people like you, life would lose meaning. If I didn’t have you to call a friend, I couldn’t begin to face the day ahead. I give to you my extended hand of friendship, hoping that yours will be offered in return. I open my heart to your companionship, praying that our friendship lasts a lifetime. A time to smell a rose, to feel a passing breeze, a time to walk hand-in-hand and place our minds at ease. Sometimes there aren’t enough hours in the day to tell you how much I truly care, so I take a moment or two, just to think of you. At night when the sun sets, and the long day comes to an end, I sleep peacefully know that you’ll have the heart of a true friend.

On the Inside Artwork Form

Black & Pink is facilitating the revival of the art program in a new way, called *On the Inside*! If you are an artist, here’s how it will work. Create any artwork that you would like (drawings, cards, paintings). Some of the artwork will be accepted for an upcoming exhibit; the artist will be promptly compensated \$50 for all accepted artwork (except \$10 for cards) and postage expenses incurred. Any artwork that isn’t accepted for the exhibit for any reason will be promptly returned to the artist, or other address. If your artwork is accepted for the Exhibition, you assign all right, title and interest in the work to us (in other words you transfer ownership of the art and its copyrights to the Exhibit coordinators) as consideration for participation in the show. The artwork will never be resold, and will likely be donated to an LGBTQ Archive in years to come. Please do not write your name and number anywhere on the front of the artwork to protect your privacy. We are all excited to see what you create!

Please fill out a questions 1 through 6 once, and questions 7 through 10 on separate slip like this for each piece of artwork you submit.

Please mail the artwork with the information below on slips to:
On the Inside, PO Box 173, 2658 Griffith Park Blvd. , Los Angeles, CA 90039

1)Your preferred name for the exhibit: _____

2)Your gender pronouns (eg. she / he / xe / they):_____

3)How do you identify? (Optional: gender, sexuality, race, age)_____

4)Your legal name, number, and mailing address: _____

5)If my artwork is not accepted for the exhibit: ____ Send it to my address ____ Send it to the address below ____Black & Pink can keep and display it
Address for returned art: _____

6)Preferred method of compensation:
Donation into commissary account (Please include deposit slips or instructions): _____
Magazines/books (Details): _____
Other: _____

7)Title of artwork (for display at exhibit):_____

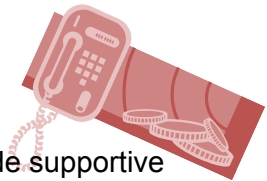
8)Description of artwork (for display at exhibit): _____

9)Anything else you’d like the exhibit curator to know about the artwork or about yourself which can be shared / feel free to write on another page, and please note that the exhibit curator is not able to be a penpal): _____

10) I, _____ (Name), give On the Inside permission for my artwork to be exhibited in person, press, catalogues, internet, etc. Sign: _____ Date: _____

Family Feedback Form: Should we have a hotline?

Black and Pink is considering starting a hotline that LGBTQ people in prison can call to connect with volunteers who can provide supportive listening and resource referrals. We are seeking your feedback order to decide whether to create a hotline, and how to make it most useful to you. Please let us know your thoughts about this program! *Note: As we seek funding for this project, we may use your reflections in our grant proposals.*



Please mail this slip back soon to **BLACK AND PINK-FEEDBACK** to participate! Feel free to write more on a separate page. Thank you!

What state are you living in? _____

If such a hotline existed, how often would you call it? ____Daily ____Weekly ____ Monthly ____ Infrequently ____ Never
If Never, do you think Black & Pink should have a hotline? _____

What hours would you be able to call the hotline? _____

How much does it cost you to make phone calls? _____

How often do you make phone calls now? ____Daily ____Weekly ____ Monthly ____ Infrequently ____ Never

Who do you call when you make phone calls now? (example: dad, girlfriend) _____

Do you call any other hotlines? ____No ____Yes
Which hotlines do you call? _____

Do you feel like these hotlines understand you as an LGBTQ person? _____

Do you feel like these hotlines understand you as a prisoner? _____

If you would call the hotline, what would you be looking for? _____

In what ways would the hotline be useful and important to you? _____

On Page 4 and 5, you read the list of demands that participants in the April summit created. Below you’ll find a list of things that the participants brainstormed. When Johannes on the Black & Pink Free World Leadership Circle read this list, he thought that it read like a poem. You are cordially invited to creatively respond to this list! Are you inspired to write a poem, song, or create a drawing? Please send it to **Black and Pink—Summit Response**. Depending on the kind of responses we get, the plan is to create an exhibit in person or online to highlight your visions about resistance to oppression and dreams of a more just world! We will highlight some of the responses in the newspaper, as well!

The Prison Industrial Complex:						
•Civil commitments	•pain	•classification	•parental guidance	•interracial love	•bail funds	•Homeless
•mental illness	•disorder	systems	•religion	•undocumented	•international	•relevant
•transphobia	•concrete	•business	•family	youth organizing	movement building	•youth
•homophobia	•pan optics	•Islamophobia	•holding hands	inside prisons	•touching bodies	•Elders
•strength	•money	•capitalism	•sex	•visits	•right to gender	•Conscious
•abuse	•poverty	•hyper masculinity	•policy change as	•destroying school-	affirming surgery	•poor
•broken families	•punishment	•probation	reform	to-prison pipeline	Who We are:	•working
•white supremacy	•nationalism	•judges	•vandalism	•not showing	•Visionary	•home free
•pain	•bodies	•lawyers	•cop watch	Identification	•Marginalized	(runaways)
•erotophobia	•violence	•mandatory service	•pregnant trans	•The Summit	•Silenced	•healers
•intentional	•excessive charges	inter racial	fathers	•Streetwise and	•Black	•laughing
•invisible wounds	•chattel	violence	•playing cards	Safe	•Fabulous	•criminalized
•hunger	•women	•inside jobs	•commissary	•HBGC	•Empowered	•love
•racism	•school-to-prison	•labor	•challenging	•Black and Pink	•People of Color	•lovers
•abuse	pipeline	•atomization	heteronormativity	•legal support	•white	•loving
•police	•It’s a game	•slavery	•Angela Davis	•creating things for	•Immigrant	•queer
•political	•criminal	•ideology	•entrepreneurship	us by us	•LGBTQ	•united
suppression	archetypes	•felon	•power	•knowing your	•Brown	•women
•barbed wire	•drugs	disenfranchisement	•running away	rights	•Organized	•So gay!
•board games	•isolation	•self harm	•butching it up	•challenging	•Complex	•Funny
•AIDS	•censorship	•self hatred	•code switching	patriarchy	•Powerful	•smart
•ignorance	•fees	•uniforms	•court support	•divestment	•Have histories of	•prisoners
•authority	•religious	internment	•library	•prison breaks	resistance	•tired of the bullshit!
•dehumanization	suppression	•death	•Attica	•sex work	•formerly	•Meaningful
•suppression	•sensory	•suicide	•imagination	•closing prisons	incarcerated	•trans
•barriers to access	deprivation	•homelessness	•queerness	•restorative/	•sex workers	•proud
•patriotism	•babies	•xenophobia	•food	transformative	•involved in	•students
•coercion	•branded	•heteropatriarchy	•respect	justice	criminalized	•parents
•rural jobs	•tattoos	Our resistance:	•education	•white folks	survival	•not going away
•rape	•colonialism	•Protest	•hunger strikes	breaking from	economies	•determined
•contracts	•spades	•correspondence	•separating own	white supremacy	•honest	•dedicated
•fear	•degrees	•mental support	moral code from	•bodies	•Surviving	•feminists
	•mandatory	•surviving	the law	•chubby Latino	•Religious	•talented
	minimums	•newspapers	•organizing	bodies	•mentally ill	•eager
	•recidivism	•story telling	•youth	•sending books	•Resistors	

Addresses! Please note our new address for all non-artwork mail

If you would like to request or submit:	Black & Pink - _____ 614 Columbia Rd, Dorchester, MA 02125 Please write this in the top line of the address:
Newspaper Subscriptions (Start or Stop)	Black & Pink - Newspaper Subscriptions
Newspaper Submissions (Poems, Art & Stories)	Black & Pink - Newspaper Submissions
“Outside” Free Pen-Pal Request (Please note: Pen-Pal Request Form will be in this Newspaper quarterly and we don’t have pen-pal lists)	Black & Pink - Pen-Pal
Address Change (Will take a little time to update; at this time, we are mostly unable to send back issues.)	Black & Pink - Address Change
Black & Pink Organization Feedback (especially the slip on Page 7)	Black & Pink - Feedback, Black and Pink—Summit Response
Request Erotica	Black & Pink - Erotica
Submit to Erotica Zine	Black & Pink - Gabrielle
Religious Support	Black & Pink - Religion
Volunteering (Send thank you cards to donors, etc.)	Black & Pink - Volunteer
Advocacy Requests (include details about situation and thoughts about how calls or letters might help)	Black & Pink - Advocacy
Art (please fill out the associated slip on page 7 for each piece of artwork, or fill out a piece of paper with the same information)	On the Inside PO Box 173, 2658 Griffith Park Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90039

LEGAL: Consider writing to Lambda Legal for support or referrals with legal issues that you are having. “Lambda Legal is a national organization committed to achieving full recognition of the civil rights of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender people and those with HIV through impact litigation, education and public policy work.” Lambda Legal, National Office 120 Wall Street, Suite 1500, New York, NY 10005, 212-809-8585

Assistance with **legal research for everyone**, and **preparing for disciplinary and parole hearings *only* for people in Massachusetts**.
Hotline (9am-5pm EST): 617-495-3127
By mail: Prison Legal Assistance Project, 6 Everett Street, Suite 5107, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA 02138

Another resource to turn to, if you can afford the subscription (\$24 yearly, payable with new stamps), is **Prison Legal News**. This resource was co - started by a former gay prisoner and Men Against Sexism organizer, Ed Mead, though now it is run by Paul Wright. You can reach them by writing to: Prison Legal News, P.O. Box 2420, West Brattleboro, VT 05303

SURVIVORS: Just Detention International provides support for prisoners who are survivors of sexual abuse. Write them at the legal address below for a packet. Each packet includes an introductory letter, a list of local resources, fact sheets, publications about recovery from sexual abuse, and a letter of hope from another survivor.
Ms. Chris Daley, Esq., 3325 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 340, Los Angeles, CA 90010